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- 1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ICEM REP FOR LAST FOUR WEEKS.TV WE ARE TOLD GOC HAD ORIGINALLY ASKED FOR ICEM ASSISTANCE BEFORE EVENTS OF LAST SUMMER. PURPOSE THEN WAS TO ASSIST IN PLACEMENT OVERSEAS, MAINLY LATIN AMERICA, OF CYPRIOTS WITH HIGHER SKILLS IN CATEGORIES SUCH AS AGRICULTURE IN WHICH ISLAND HAD OVER-ABUNDANCE OF TRAINED PEOPLE. WE ARE TOLD NEW PROGRAM IS BROADER WITH EMPHASIS ON DISPLACED PERSONS OF ALL CATEGORIES WHO MIGHT WANT TO EMIGRATE TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS, INCLUDING AUSTRALIA AND SOUTH AMERICA.
- 2. EMBASSY SEES NO REASON NOT TO SUPPORT PROPOSED ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY DISPLACED PERSONS SEEKING RESETTLEMENT ABROAD. ICEM ASSISTANCE IN THIS CASE IS BEING PROVIDED AT DIRECT REQUEST OF GOC. IN LONG TERM PERSPECTIVE, EMIGRATION FROM CYPRUS DURING PERIODS OF DIFFICULTY IS TRADITIONAL. WITNESS OVER 100,000 CYPRIOTS, BOTH GREEK AND TURKISH, PRESENTLY LIVING IN THE U.K. USG SUPPORT OF PROPOSED EMIGRATION PROGRAM IN REF (A) SHOULD NOT POSE POLITICAL PROBLEM AS LONG AS IT IS DONE WITHIN ICEM FRAMEWORK. CRAWFORD

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